my ſituation, he haſtened to me, and only ſaid, " Mike, I thought you would have " known better." A ſurgeon was inſtantly ſent for; and, as the greateſt mortification that could befal me, I was not permitted to ſee day-light for ten days, nor ſuffered to read in a book for near fifteen.

Let my little readers remember, that gunpowder was made for the deſtruction of mankind, and not for the amuſement of little boys: let them remember the accidents that every day ariſe from the uſe of it, how many loſe their ſight, and ſometimes their lives, and I am ſure they will join with me in hating it.

The ſurgeon that attended me having declared my life and my eyes too to be out of danger, my father employed himſelf very attentively in procuring me a ſchool to his liking, which he preſently accompliſhed. As ſoon as my eyes were perfectly recovered, every thing was prepared for my departure. I remember very well, the morning before my departure, the advice my father gave me. He called me into his ſtudy, and thus ſaid to me:—

" Mike, I am ſorry, for your ſake and my

" own

" own ſatisfaction, that I cannot ſpare time " to complete your education myſelf: how- " ever, I am willing to believe that I ſhall " put you into ſuch hands, as will give " you little reaſon to lament the loſs. I " am the more ready to put you out to " ſchool, as it will give you ſome know- " ledge, and that in the early part of your " life, of the various diſpoſitions of the hu- " man mind; and, from the conſtant atten- " tion you have paid to your ſtudies, I " doubt not but you will make ſuch obſer- " vations thereon as will tend to your ad- " vantage. At home, your mother and I " indulge you through fondneſs; and the " ſervants, perhaps through a motive of " pleaſing us, make it their ſtudy to amuſe " you. At ſchool you muſt expect nothing " of this ſort: you will have no reſpect " paid you, further than your good beha- " viour may claim from every one. For " this reaſon, quarrel with no one, do every " one all the ſervice you can, and be ſure " never to ſpeak with anger againſt any boy " that is abſent."

I liſtened with the greateſt attention to what my father ſaid, and endeavoured to treaſure

MICHEL ANGELO *Juvenile Sports and Pastimes* LONDON, 1776 HASKOLL COLLECTION, THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY Octavo